



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Conf. No.: 6570

ITOH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2819

Application No.: 09/735,555

Examiner: D. Chang

Filed: December 14, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108075-00022

For: OUTPUT BUFFER CIRCUIT AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 1, 2003

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, the time period for response having been extended from February 1, 2003 until April 1, 2003 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, 23 and 25 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of controlling an output buffer circuit for generating an output signal and outputting the output signal from an output terminal, wherein the output buffer circuit includes a first drive circuit for receiving an input signal, and a second drive circuit connected to the output terminal and having a lower output impedance than the first drive circuit, the method comprising the steps of:

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**EXTRA CLAIMS FEE TRANSMITTAL**Commissioner for Patents  
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Attached is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is attached.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	22	0	= 2	x 9	\$	x 18	\$36.00
INDEP CLAIMS	7	4	= 0	x 40	\$	x 80	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+135	\$	+270	\$
					\$		\$ 36.00

- ☒ Check nos. 356857/356861 in the amount of 446.00 is attached to include the extra claims due and the 2-month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 108075-00022.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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